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## SPECIAL NOTICE.

The promptness with which many of our subscribers have responded to recent statements of accounts sent out by us is very gratifying. As we desire to make a special effort to clear up all accounts now on our books before March 1, we will appreciate prompt remittances from those who are still in arrears.

## R. I. P.

In the death of Patrick Bannon, Sr., the city and State have lost a useful and active citizen, his children an affectionate father, the church a faithful member, the cause of Ireland an ardent devotee, the Irish people of this community a true friend. The Kentucky Irish American was indebted to him for many courtesies and kindnesses. We wish to extend our sympathy to his sorrowing family.

## RIDICULOUS ASSERTION.

In an article headed "Five of the greatest ministers in America today," a writer in last Sunday's Courier-Journal, after descending upon the merits of men like Drs. Charles Henry Parkhurst, Russell A. Conwell, Wilbur Chapman and Newell Dwight Hillis, says: "Though the form of service in the Catholic Church is not peculiarly adapted to the development of pulpit eloquence, many ecclesiastical authorities of various churches hold that Archbishop Patrick John Ryan, of Philadelphia, is our most eloquent present day preacher."

Shades of St. Augustine and St. Dominic! Where did this fellow get his information that the form of service in the Catholic Church is not peculiarly adapted to the development of pulpit eloquence? From the time that He who founded the Church preached His sermon on the mount to the present day, when has this church been without eloquent orators? After the tragedy on Calvary and the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles and Disciples, who were the orators, the great preachers of Christian doctrine? St. Paul was added to the list and on down through the ages too numerous to mention do they come these pulpit orators of the Catholic church. St. Augustine, St. Bernard, who preached the Crusade; St. Patrick, St. Dominic and St. Ignatius, both of whom founded orders of pulpit orators, all these must have been overlooked by the Courier-Journal's writer. Is there today a land under the sun where the black-robed Jesuit and the white-robed Dominican orators are unknown? Who in these days does not remember the burning eloquence of Pere Cordaire in France and of Father Burke in Ireland and America?

But pulpit oratory in Catholic churches is not confined to the Dominicans and Jesuits alone. Men of other orders, secular priests, Bishops, Archbishops, Cardinals and Popes in every age have attracted the people to the Catholic church by their eloquence. Are the Catholic churches crowded with worshippers every Sunday morning two to six or seven times a week whereas the vast majority of Protestant ministers preach once, or at the most twice a day?

What about Archbishop Ireland and Bishop Spalding in our own country? What about Father Kearney, the great Provincial of the

Dominicans and a Kentuckian to boot? The Catholic service not adapted to pulpit oratory! Who would have thought it? Surely none but this writer for the Courier-Journal.

We know that the Catholic Church has something more to back it than mere pulpit oratory, and yet that oratory has never been found wanting when it was needed. Oratory does not consist merely in high sounding phrases, beautifully rounded periods and sensational climaxes. The purest, best oratory is the greatest truths told in the simplest language, in words that reach the heart, the mind, the soul. This is the eloquence, the oratory of the Catholic priest.

But what's the use wasting more time on an assertion so palpably false, so absurdly ridiculous?

## JAPAN IS SORRY.

The Kentucky Irish American and every other Irish-American journal in the United States has continued to oppose any entangling alliance with England, an affair which a number of American toadies and Anglo-manics sought to bring about. Now a new party has sprung up in Japan with the object of breaking off the alliance between that country and England. Lient. Gen. Viscount Tani, former Minister of Commerce and a member of the Japanese Parliament; Tukamoto Sei, the well known statesman, and many others prominent in the affairs of state are leaders in the new movement. In a recent article in The Nippon, a conservative paper, Tukamoto Sei says:

"I am strongly opposed to the Anglo-Japanese alliance. The war with Russia was the result of our first alliance with Great Britain, Russia having originally no intention of getting into a war with us. The alliance forced Russia into the war. Not without reason European and Russian statesmen say that England goaded both of the countries in the conflict. Nevertheless the alliance has been renewed, and as a result the horizon in the Orient is again clouded. England needs the army of Japan, and only for that reason is she posing as Japan's friend. We have not been clear-sighted enough to see this, and have been enticed into an alliance."

Irishmen have been acquainted with English perfidy for centuries. Japan is now learning by experience.

## GIRLS RIDICULE SISTERS.

Several of the female students, it would hardly do to call them young ladies, attending the Ohio State University at Columbus recently made themselves ridiculous by appearing at a fancy dress ball garbed as sisters of charity. The daily press reports that these women danced with male students of the same university attired as red devils and carrying pitchforks. Between the dances the women made a further mockery of the Catholic religion by pretending to say the rosary. The Rev. Father A. M. Leyden, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi's church, justly indignant, sent a letter of protest against this conduct to W. O. Thompson, President of the University. In case the letter is unheeded it is probable that the Catholics of Ohio will make trouble for President Thompson and the institution. Not long ago President Thompson took several of the girl pupils to task for smoking cigarettes. Ohio girls seem to want to learn all the accomplishments.

## COMPLIMENTARY.

The editor of our esteemed contemporary, the Emerald, of Manchester, N. H., makes the following statement in his journal:

Hibernianism in Louisville, Ky., is in a prosperous condition. Other sections of the State should follow. Louisville Hibernians owe much to their official organ. It labors week after week for the order's interest and we are pleased to note that the Catholic merchants of the city appreciate its efforts by generously patronizing its advertising columns. Substantial support is the best mode of appreciation and the Kentucky Irish American is worthy of the support accorded.

The new British Parliament will be formally opened next week, and Irishmen on both sides of the Atlantic ocean are very anxious to see how the new Premier and his Cabinet will keep their ante-election promises. If the Liberals keep faith an Irish Parliament sitting in College Green will be as great an attraction to Americans in 1907 as the Dublin World's Fair will be.

The Kentucky House of Representatives acted wisely and well in adopting the measure raising the age of consent from twelve to sixteen years. Thus another safeguard is thrown around the purity of Kentucky womanhood.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Late News That Will Interest Members Here and Elsewhere.

New Orleans will have a big initiation during Mardi Gras week.

Jackson, Tenn., will soon have a council, which will give that State five councils.

A new council will be instituted at Marshalltown, Iowa, within the next thirty days.

A new council, with forty-four charter members, has been instituted at Wilmington, N. C.

State Deputy Leashy and staff, of St. Louis, will institute a new council at Bonne Terre, Mo., on February 25.

Lemoyne Council, of Syracuse, N. Y., has incorporated under the name Knights of Columbus for the purpose of maintaining club rooms.

A new council is about to be instituted in Pine Bluff. This will give Arkansas three councils, Little Rock and Fort Smith being already organized.

A class of 200 will receive the fourth degree at Des Moines, Iowa, on Washington's birthday. The candidates will come from Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.

The St. Louis chapter and its K. of C. Choral Club will give a concert in that city on Monday, February 19. Miss Maria DeRohan, the grand opera prima donna, will be heard in solos.

The new hall and club rooms of St. Paul Council, in St. Paul, Minn., were formally opened with a ball on Tuesday evening. The council chamber is 75x44 feet and has a seating capacity of 750.

Marquette Council, of New York City, held its annual entertainment recently. Among the features was a three-act farce comedy produced by members of the dramatic circle and an exhibition of Irish jig and reel dancing.

The tenth anniversary of Manhattan Council, in New York City, was celebrated in a unique manner. The members attended one of the theaters in a body and later held a banquet in one of the city's best appointed restaurants.

## SICK CLERGYMEN.

The Rev. Father Thomas W. White, pastor of the church of St. Francis of Rome, at Crescent Hill, who has been ill of the grip at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital since Monday, is slightly improved.

The Rev. Father Daniel O'Sullivan, pastor of the church of the Blessed Sacrament, is still very ill at St. Joseph's Infirmary.

The Rev. Fathers J. E. Kernan and G. A. Vantroostenberghe, who have been ill at St. Joseph's Infirmary, are much improved.

## MACKIN COUNCIL'S EUCHRE.

Mackin Council, Y. M. L., expects to have its club house crowded twice on Washington's birthday, when a mammoth euchre will be given under the auspices of the Gymnasium Committee and Social Club. Games will be called at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 8:15 o'clock in the evening. Many handsome prizes have been secured to be awarded the winners of the various games. The advance sale of tickets has been very large. The proceeds will be used to repaint and embellish the dancing hall.

## FEDERATION.

The Jefferson County Federation of Catholic Societies held its regular monthly meeting at the Catholic Woman's Club on Thursday night. President Patrick T. Sullivan occupied the chair and the number of societies represented indicated that the Federation will prosper under the new regime. Quite a lot of routine business was transacted and leading members made instructive addresses.

## SOCIETY.

Daniel B. Torpy, of Marietta, Ohio, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Rose Henley, 511 Twenty-sixth street.

Mrs. Frank McKernan and son Francis are at Adairville, where the father of the former is dangerously ill.

Miss Ida Raidy entertained her card club at her home, 2610 West Main street, on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Lillie Denner, of Charlestown, Ind., has returned home after a brief visit to relatives in this city.

Miss Ada Walsh left Thursday for Rochester, N. Y., where she will be the guest of Miss Julia French.

Thomas O'Malley, of South Louisville, who has been seriously ill at St. Joseph's Infirmary, is rapidly recovering.

Miss Mollie O'Connor, of New Albany, has gone to Memphis to visit her brother and will remain away several months.

Miss Della Green, of Bardonia, has returned home after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. George R. Mattingly, of this city.

Mrs. Lillie B. Murphy and children, Mattie Bell and Clarence, have returned to Lagrange after a pleasant visit to relatives in this city.

Roger McGrath is receiving congratulations over the birth of a little daughter. The young miss will be christened Ella Craig McGrath.

Miss Jennie Hourigan entertained the Portland Young Ladies' Euchre Club at her home, Twenty-first and Bank streets, on Tuesday evening.

William P. McFadden, of Portland, and his sister, Miss Margaret, are the guests of their sister, Mrs. J. P. Dolan, at Eureka Springs, Ark.

Mrs. Charles Slade and infant daughter, of Birmingham, Ala., are visiting her mother, Mrs. Patrick J. Kenealey. They will remain several weeks.

Miss Bertha Thomas and her brother Emmet have returned home after spending a few days with their grandmother, Mrs. John B. Fagan, of New Albany.

Col. Philip Igoe, a former member of the Board of Public Safety, who has been confined to his home in Belgravia by an attack of the grip, is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Keating, of South Louisville, were given a surprise party Wednesday evening. Refreshments were served after a game of euchre.

Officer John J. Beirne will return to duty tomorrow after his ten days vacation. Instead of taking a trip he enjoyed himself with his delightful family at 1921 Twelfth street.

Roger J. O'Connor and Miss Anna Elizabeth Burke, prominent young people of Bowling Green, will be united in marriage by the Rev. Father Thomas Hayes, of that city, on Wednesday.

Robert G. Goebel, a popular member of Trinity Council and who was for several years with J. Bacon & Sons, has accepted a more lucrative position with the Grauman-Henchey-Cross Company.

Albert B. Freville, Superintendent of the National Foundry and Machine Company, has returned from Martinsville, Ind. His health has been restored sufficiently to allow him to resume his duties.

Miss Bertha Hagan and William J. Lewellyn will be united in marriage at St. George's church on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, the Rev. Father Weiss officiating. Miss Aralia Hagan and Charles I. Wiggins will be the attendants.

Mrs. Urey Woodson, of Owensboro, wife of the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee, who has been ill at St. Anthony's Hospital in this city for several weeks, is gradually improving. Her many friends hope for her speedy and full recovery.

Mrs. Mary Barrett, 838 East Main street, left Thursday for Dayton, O., to visit her son, S. Parnell Barrett, who is seriously ill of pleurisy. Another son, Anthony Barrett, is suffering from a serious attack of the grip at St. Mary's College in Marion county.

Miss Lillie Sorg and Hugh McGrady, Jr., prominent young people of Port Fulton, Ind., were united in marriage at St. Anthony's church, Jeffersonville, on Tuesday, the Rev. Father Kaiser officiating. An all day receptional home of the bride's father, Michael Sorg, followed.

Miss Myda R. Eisenman and Louis H. Haxthausen will be united in matrimony by the Rev. Father William Gausepohl at the rectory of St. Mary Magdalen's church on Thursday, February 22. The bride-elect is the daughter of J. C. Eisenman and has been much admired in society circles. Mr. Haxthausen is a prominent young business man.

Miss Anastasia Giltmane entertained a number of her young friends at her home on Portland avenue Friday evening. Those present were Misses Nannie Mae Miller, Margaret, Mayme and Nellie Hourigan, Ella Scally, Anastasia, Ella and Katie Mae Giltmane; Messrs. Dennis J. S. Gleason, Mal J. Shaughnessy, Thomas McShane, John J. Grogan, Thomas Keenan, Jr., and Patrick G. King.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGoff, of 112 Sixth street, had a merry party of friends at the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. Among those present were Messrs. and Mesdames John Brennan, James McGoff, John Zoering, William Clare, Ben Sykes, John Doris; Misses

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## SUDDEN DEATH

Of Former Louisville Man Returns From Automobile Accident.

John Emmet Gordon, son of William Gordon, the well known shoemaker, who resides at 624 Fifth street, was almost instantly killed as the result of an accident in New York on Monday. Mr. Gordon was manager of an automobile establishment in that city. In an unknown manner the automobile he was driving fell into the elevator shaft with Mr. Gordon underneath. He was unconscious when the machine was lifted off and his death ensued an hour later.

The remains were brought to this city and taken to his father's residence. The funeral took place from the Cathedral of the Assumption at 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

The shillalah, accounted Ireland's national weapon of defense, was originally a common blackthorn stick, but in modern times it has been replaced by the more wiry ash sapling. The real shillalah is a young shoot of the sloe shrub or blackthorn pulled by the root from the crevice of some rock. After being trimmed it is placed in the smoke of turf peat, which softens the hard fiber,

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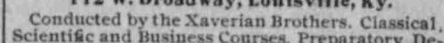
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